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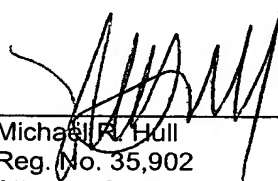
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**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed on May 15, 2003, please amend  
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In the Drawings:

Please cancel Figs. 6C as filed in favor of amendment Fig. 6C as enclosed herewith with the accompanying Request for Approval of Drawing Changes. Reference numeral 12' has been added and reference numerals 16', 17' and 23' have been deleted. No new matter is added thereby.